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THE SOMALI AMBASSADOR TO ZAMBIA, MACHAEL MARIANO, YESTERDAY CHARGED THAT THE SOVIET UNION'S "MASSIVE ARMING" OF THE ETHIOPIAN ARMED FORCES POSES A GREAT DANGER TO PEACE IN THE HORN OF AFRICA.

MR. MARIANO TOLD A MEWS CONFERENCE HERE THAT ETHIOPIA WAS PREPARING FOR WAR WITH HIS COUNTRY.

ACCORDING TO THE GOVERNMENT-OWNED ZAMBIA DAILY MAIL, THE SOMALI ENVOY ALSO ACCUSED THE ADDIS ABABA GOVERNMENT OF "MERCILESS GENOCIDE OF THOUSANDS OF CIVILIANS" IN THE OGADEN DESERT WHERE ETHIOPIAN FORCES ARE FIGHTING A GUERRILLA WAR AGAINST THE WESTERN SOMALIA LIBERATION MOVEMENT.

MR. MARIANO, REPORTS THE MAIL, TOLD THE NEWS CONFERENCE THAT ETHIOPIA, WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS "THE ONLY BLACK COLONIAL POWER,"
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WAS BUILDING UP A 300,000-MAN ARMY WITH SOVIET ARMS IN PREPARATION FOR WAR WITH SOMALIA WHICH IS BACKING THE "FREEDOM FIGHTERS."

" TO US IN SOMALIA, THE BUILDING UP OF THE ETHIOPIAN ARMY WITH RUSSIAN ARMS IS A MATTER OF GREAT CONCERN. WE LOOK UPON THE EXTRA-STRENGTH OF THIS ARMY AS A THREAT TO US AND TO PEACE IN THE AREA," HE WAS QUOTED AS SAYING.

BOTH THE TIMES OF ZAMBIA AND THE MAIL REPORT THAT PRESIDENT KAUNDA WILL ON MONDAY, AUGUST 8, ATTEND A CEREMONY OF THE COMMISSIONING OF STAGE TWO OF THE KAFUE HYDRO-ELECTRIC SCHEMME. THE SCHEME IS SCHEDULED TO BE OPENED BY YUGOSLAV VICE-PRESIDENT, VADOJE ZARKOVIC, WHO IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE HERE TODAY.

THE PROJECT WAS PARTLY FINANCED BY YUGOSLAV THROUGH A 23 MILLION DOLLAR LOAN, AND CONSTRUCTED BY THE YUGOSLAV CONGLOMERATE ENERGOPROJEKT.

IN THE EDITORIAL COLUMNS, THE TIMES COMMENTS ON THE CONTINUING BOYCOTT OF CLASSES BY BLACK STUDENTS IN SOUTH AFRICA IN PROTEST AGAINST THE SEGREGATED EDUCATION SYSTEM FOR BLACKS AND WHITES IN THE REPUBLIC.

SAYS THE TIMES: "THE STUDENTS OF SOWETO ARE BACK ON THE STREETS. THE MURDER OF AN ESTIMATED 190 OF THEIR COLLEAGUES IN JUNE LAST YEAR HAS NOT DAUNTED THEM. THEY KNOW AND THE REST OF AFRICA KNOWS THAT MORE BLOOD WILL BE SPILLED BEFORE DIGNITY AND REAL INDEPENDENCE COMES TO SOUTH AFRICA."

WHAT IS TRULY SAD, SAYS THE PAPER, IS THAT THE ENTIRE WORLD, INCLUDING THE WESTERN POWERS, KNOWS THAT THERE IS JUSTICE IN THEIR DEMANDS, THAT THEIRS IS A NATURAL REACTION TO A NIGHTMARE OF PERSECUTION WHICH GOES BACK TO 1910 AND BEYOND.
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"YET THOSE WHO SHOULD HELP TO PUT THINGS RIGHT-- THE FRIENDS OF THE BOERS - - STAND WITH ARMS FOLDED AS THE CHILDREN OF SOWETO ARE KILLED WITH GUNS AND BULLETS SOMETIMES ORIGINATING IN THEIR COUNTRIES," CONCLUDES THE PAPER.

THE MAIL REPORTS THAT THE MAYOR OF ZAMBIA'S COPPERBELT CITY OF KITWE, MUKAZO VUNDA, HAS WON BOTH THE FREEDOM OF THE CITY OF DETROIT AND THE STATE OF MICHIGAN HONORARY CITIZENSHIP AWARDS.

THIS WAS ANOUNCED BY MRS. KATHERING BLACKWELL, AN EMISSARY OF DETROIT MAYOR, COLEMAN A. YOUNG AND MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT IN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, MRS. DAISY ELLIOTT WHO ARE CURRENTLY IN ZAMBIA ON A VISIT. ITEM USIS LUSAKA.
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